Central Assistance for Famine Relief

†771. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Central assistance provided to different States in India for famine relief arrangements during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been any decline in the incidence of famine by carrying out famine relief programmes; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for permanent riddance from famine, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The policy and arrangements for financing of relief expenditure in the States in the wake of natural calamities, including drought, are at present governed by the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission. While year-wise allocation under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is made to all the States, assistance from National Fund for Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is made to all the States, assistance from National Fund for Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is made to all the States, assistance from national Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) is considered for calamities of rare severity only. Statements I and II indicating the funds allocated to the States under CRF and assistance provided under NFCR during 1996-97 to 1998-99 are attached. (*See* below). During 1999-2000, no report on death due to drought has been received. A number of schemes/ programmes like Drought Prone Areas Programme are implemented towards long-term measures for rehabilitation of the affected sectors.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

Assistance released to the States from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) during 1996-97 to 1998-99

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Assistance released from the NFCR		
		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Andhra Pradesh	142.00	42.00	26.50
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.00	—	13.47
3.	Assam	21.00	—	59.90
4.	Bihar	7.00	10.00	11.45
5.	Gujarat	—	86.90	55.35
6.	Haryana	—	—	13.27
7.	Himachal Pradesh	10.56	24.80	—
8.	Karnataka	—	22.00	49.98
9.	Kerala	—	12.91	—
10.	Madhya Pradesh	—	67.76	35.00
11.	Orissa	54.00	—	—
12.	Rajasthan	—	—	21.98
13.	Sikkim	5.52	7.00	7.67
14.	Tamil Nadu	25.00	—	—
15.	Tripura	—	—	5.05
16.	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	131.15
17.	West Bengal	—	—	66.33
	TOTAL	268.08	273.37	497.10

Statement-II

Allocation from Calamity Relief Fund for 1996-97 to 1998-99

State	Calamity Relief Fund		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	12419	13105	13773
Arunachal Pradesh	704	743	781
Assam	5001	5277	5547
Bihar	5196	5483	5763
Goa	107	113	119
Gujarat	13960	14731	15483
Haryana	2505	2644	2779
Himachal Pradesh	2695	2844	2989
Jammu and Kashmir	1971	2079	2184
Karnataka	4185	4416	4641
Kerala	5540	5847	6144
Madhya Pradesh	5108	5389	5665
Maharashtra	6820	7197	7564
Manipur	248	261	275
Meghalaya	279	295	309
Mizoram	127	133	140
Nagaland	171	180	188
Orissa	4901	5172	5436
Punjab	5415	5715	6005
Rajasthan	17904	18893	19856
Sikkim	471	497	523
Tamil Nadu	5935	6263	6583
Tripura	449	475	499
Uttar Pradesh	12512	13203	13876
West Bengal	5132	5416	5692
TOTAL	119755	126371	132815